



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

Dear STN Coordinators:

In order to foster a more robust, collaborative conversation among educators, I have been working with Karla Carr and David Licht to migrate the STN listserv to the Learning Connection, IDOE's online professional network for educators, parents and students. This exciting technological upgrade will allow us to communicate more efficiently with you while simultaneously offering more and better resources to you in an easily accessible way.

So far, over 28,000 Hoosier educators have joined Learning Connection and we are excited to share its endless possibilities with you, too. If you are already a member of Learning Connection, that's great! Please log in here <https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov/Login.aspx?ret=/default.aspx> and join our new community, Data Collection and Reporting. If you are not yet a member, click here to set up an account: <https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov/Registration/RegistrationInit.aspx>. Once you are registered, your Learning Connection account will allow you to set your own email notification preferences and access a plethora of information all compiled in a reliable location for later use.

As you may know, the Learning Connection is also the home of the new Indiana Growth Model you have been hearing so much about lately. When you are ready to view growth data for your students, you will visit the Learning Connection and login to access the secure and individualized data.

For your convenience, please see the attached PDF tutorial regarding finding a community on Learning Connection. Additionally, for other valuable information about the Learning Connection, please visit https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov/help/getting_started.htm

If you prefer a more interactive approach, IDOE staff members host regular Learning Connection webinars for educators on Wednesdays. You can view the webinar schedule at <http://www.doe.in.gov/olt/LearningConnection/TheLearningConnection-WebinarScheduleandArchive.html>.

The Learning Connection offers expanded opportunities for conversations among educators, and all of us here at IDOE are excited to share this incredible tool with you. Best wishes for the 2010-2011 school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Bennett
Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction